

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FACT SHEET</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AB 497 (Assembly Member Block):</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Use of High-Occupancy Vehicle Lanes for Physicians</b></p>
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**Summary:**

This bill would permit a physician to travel in HOV lanes when they are responding to an emergency call if the physician displays the insignia approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

**Problem:**

On our state's increasingly congested roadways, physicians responding to emergencies are faced with increased response time as heavy traffic contributes to a slower commute.

**Solution:**

AB 497 would allow physicians access to HOV lanes in emergencies. This bill will, in some circumstances, allow physicians the opportunity to expedite their travel time to a medical crisis. Physicians must still abide by all traffic rules and speed limits. AB 497 is sponsored by the California Medical Association.

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